

WELCOME

From the splendor of Flathead Lake to the historic Little Bighorn Battlefield to the scenic beauty of the Bear Paw Mountains, there are a multitude of cultural and scenic treasures that make the tribal lands in Montana wondrous places. Long before Montana became known as the land of the “Big Sky”, Indian nations and Indian people lived here and knew this place as “Home”. The people knew the land like the back of their hands. Their histories, philosophies and religions are inherently connected to what is now the state of Montana. Montana is a sacred place. The stories of Indian people are part of the land and are the spirit of Montana.



Montana is home to seven Indian reservations and twelve tribal nations. Eleven of the nations reside within the boundaries of their reserved homelands, and one, the Little Shell Band of the Chippewa, is currently a “landless” tribe, seeking federal recognition and its own land base. Nine percent of Montana’s land base is “Indian Country”, and it is to these lands that we cordially invite you to visit. Visiting “Indian Country” is an once-in-a-lifetime experience, and is sure to be quite different from the every day life of the visitor.

SEVEN LODGES

We chose the title “Seven Lodges” to represent the seven Indian reservations in Montana. Lodge is another term for the tipi, so, the title is a celebration of the homelands of the Tribes that call the state of Montana “home”.



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AMERICAN INDIAN HOSPITALITY

American Indians have a distinct culture of giving that is at the core of Indian hospitality. It is customary to offer food and drink to a visitor, and it is considered polite to accept the food that is offered to you. If you build a special friendship with a person, gift giving is a way to show that person how much you value their friendship.

The tradition of the Giveaway Ceremony is strong in Indian Country in Montana. Throughout pow wow season, families will honor a loved one by “giving away” many fine goods, which may include blankets, food, shawls, beadwork, and even horses! This tradition symbolizes the blessings given when one shares material wealth with others.

It is important to honor Elders, and it is customary that they be served food and drink first. Also, it is customary to offer tobacco and a small gift of thanks to an Elder; this is especially true if they are asked to offer a prayer. American Indians in Montana and throughout the United States serve in the U.S. Military at a rate that is far greater than other ethnic groups. Veterans are heroic because they are willing to give their lives so others can live, and it is customary to honor their courage in many ways. Veterans are flag bearers, are called upon to retrieve dropped eagle feathers and are honored in many veterans’ songs. The Veterans of today are given the same respect and honor as Warriors of the past were given. Source: Your Guide to Understanding and Enjoying Pow Wows, MT OPI, Indian Education for All.

Did You Know?
There are about 413 different bird species in Montana. You can find many of these birds on the reservations.



ENJOYING POWWOWS

The Powwow has evolved into a tradition exemplifying generosity and giving. The Pow wow circle exemplifies honor and respect for each other and the drum. Pow wow time gives us a chance to reflect on who we are as Indian people and to celebrate our rich heritage. Pow wow singers are held in high regard as the keepers of the songs. Young people continue to learn the old songs, carrying on the tradition of song and dance.



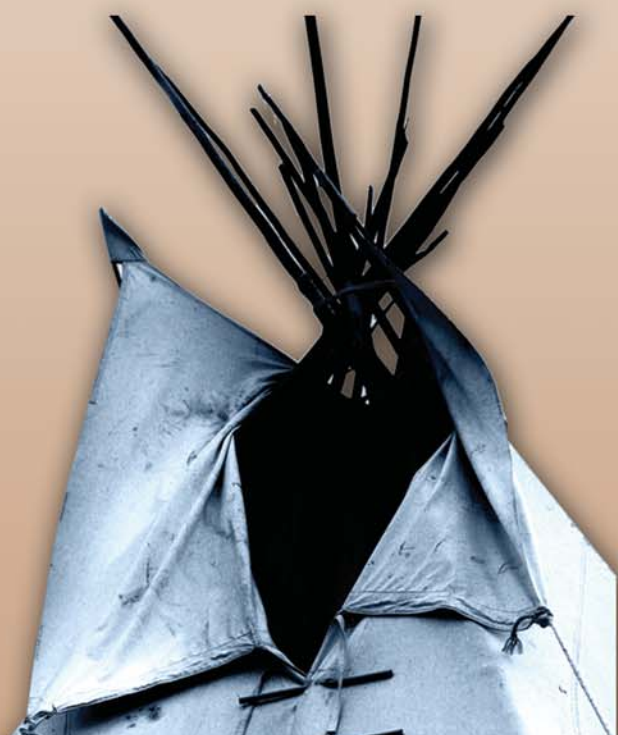
POW WOW ETIQUETTE

Be Patient—Pow wow events may not start exactly at the time indicated in the program. Be patient, grab an Indian Taco, and the event will take place in due time.

Use caution when taking pictures. Don't use blinding flashes or take pictures when expressly asked not to. It is OK to take pictures during much of the pow wow, but some dancers, do not wish to have their picture taken. Patronize the local concession stands, food booths, arts

and crafts displays and raffle ticket sales. This is the best way to experience local cuisine, discover beautiful arts, crafts and jewelry, and support local community efforts.

Ask permission before setting up camp. Oftentimes, families have long standing spots reserved for their camps. Source: Your Guide to Understanding and Enjoying Pow Wows, MT OPI, Indian Education for All. DID YOU KNOW? If the eagle feather is dropped during a powwow everything comes to a halt until the feather is honored. Eagle feathers are treasured and precious to Indian people. Historically and traditionally, it is the right of any wounded warrior to retrieve a fallen eagle feather. The eagle feather is the spirit of a fallen warrior and can only be matched in power by the same. Recording and photographing such a ceremony is strictly forbidden. Source: Rocky Boy Tribe.



TRAVELING TIPS WHEN IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Come with an open mind and leave any preconceived notions of your idea of a “real Indian” at the door. Indians are as varied in physique, personality and style as any other group of people. There is also a difference in the “look” of Indian communities from other communities. Keep in mind that different is not better or worse, it is just different, and it is better not to judge, but accept and embrace Indian communities in all their complexities and beauty.



IS IT INDIAN MADE?

When buying arts and crafts, please ensure that the item purchased was in fact, made by an American Indian artist. You can do this in a variety of ways. When possible, it is best to buy directly from the artist. Always buy from reputable sources and places. If artworks are marketed as “American Indian”, they must be made by an enrolled member of a federally or state recognized tribe. If not, it is a violation of the federal Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990, which was enacted to curtail exploitation of tribal artists and art forms.



USE CAUTION WHEN DRIVING

Obey all speed limits while driving within reservation boundaries. It is common to encounter deer, antelope, skunk, porcupine, and even bears while driving along roads located within the boundaries of the reservations. It is also common to encounter pedestrians walking along sides of the roads. Please use caution, be alert and be respectful to these pedestrians.

Did You Know?
There are 25 State Parks in Montana that are directly related to American Indian history, science and culture.



BE PREPARED

Summer in Montana is usually very hot during the day and cooler in the night, so be prepared for extremes in weather temperature. Bring sunscreen, water and shade tents to protect yourself from the hot sun. Mosquitos are a part of life during the hot summer months. Bring a non-toxic insect spray. Don't worry too much; the mosquitos are pesky but harmless.

DO NOT REMOVE

Both tribal and federal law prohibits tampering with or removing archeological items.

BE RESPECTFUL

Please ask permission before taking pictures of any person. This is also true for certain sacred sites and ceremonies. Often it is better to sit back and listen and you will be able to carry the image in your heart and mind for a long time to come. Don't wander off of established roads or trails, or else you could be trespassing. It is considered disrespectful or unlawful to gather an overabundance of plants on the reservations. Ask permission before you gather any plant, and if permission is granted, take only a small amount. If you're invited to attend a ceremony, dress modestly, observe quietly, don't applaud, and refrain from touching ceremonial clothing, or regalia. Unless invited, don't enter sweat lodges, sun dances, cemeteries, or homes.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Each reservation has its own police department to reinforce tribal law. Depending on the reservation, alcoholic beverages may or may not be prohibited. Be respectful, and do not bring alcoholic beverages on to reservations in which alcohol is prohibited. It is never tolerated to use drugs or alcohol at a pow wow celebration.

MTTA FOUNDERS AND SUPPORTERS

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Blackfeet Tribe
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Chippewa Cree Tribe
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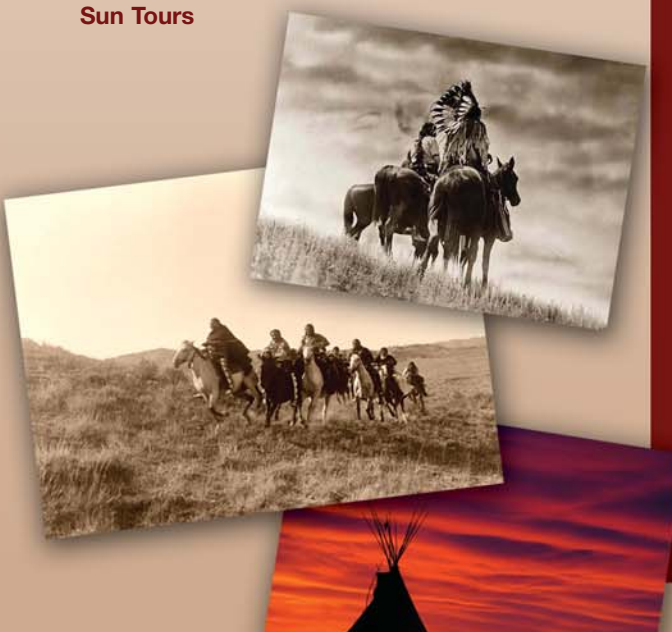
Did You Know?
The Montana Tribal Tourism Alliance (MTTA) is working to serve the cultural and scenic treasures through heritage tourism, business enterprise and partnerships. We are committed to working on the growth of heritage tourism within "Indian Country" in Montana, and serving as a partner to tourism and Indian owned businesses.



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CELL PHONE SERVICE

Cell phone service varies throughout the state of Montana. The more rural reservations may have spotty cell phone service, so be prepared, and you can always use a payphone.



WELCOME TO

Blackfeet Country

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Blackfeet Country is located in the northwestern part of Montana that includes most of Glacier County. On the north it borders the Canadian Province of Alberta Canada. The Blackfeet or Pikuni belong to what is called the "Blackfoot Confederacy". This confederacy consists of the Montana Blackfeet or Pikuni and three other Tribes residing in Canada: the North Peigan/Pikuni, Blood/Kainai and Blackfoot/ Siksika. To the west the Blackfeet reservation shares a border with Glacier National Park with an elevation that varies from a low of 3,400 ft. in the southwest to a high of over 9,000 ft. at Chief Mountain on the northwest boundary.



LODGING

KIOWA RESORT & MOTEL
Highway 89 & 49
Browning, MT 59417
406.338.5544

RED EAGLE MOTEL
PO Box 896
Browning, MT 59417-0896
406.732.4453

WARBONNET LODGE
Us Highway 2 Highway 89
Browning, MT 59417
406.338.7610

WESTERN MOTEL
121 E Central Ave E
Browning, MT 59417
406.338.7572

LODGEPOLE GALLERY & TIPI VILLAGE
Highway 89 & Durham Rd
Browning, MT 59417
406.338.2787

ASPENWOOD RESORT
HC-72 Box 5150 Hwy 89W
Browning, MT 59417
406.338.3009

BUFFALO CHILD
Highway 89
Browning, MT 59417
406.338.3264

EAST GLACIER MOTEL & CABINS
1107 Montana Highway 49
East Glacier Park, MT 59434
406.226.5593

DANCING BEARS
40 Montana Avenue
East Glacier Park, MT 59434
406.226.4402

THE MOUNTAIN PINE MOTEL
Montana Highway 49 North
East Glacier Park, MT 59434
406.226.4403

TRIBAL CAMPGROUNDS
Sleeping Wolf Campground: Browning
Chewing Blackbones Campground: St. Mary
Red Eagle Campground: East Glacier
Duck Lake Campground: Duck Lake
P.O. Box 2809 Browning, MT 59417
406.338.7406 or 406.338.7181
www.blackfeetcountry.com

WHERE TO EAT

GLACIER RESTAURANT
Highway 2 & 89
Browning, MT 59417
406.338.7509

JUNCTION CAFE & DRIVE INN
Po Box 3064
Browning, MT
406.338.2386

SUBWAY SANDWICHES
136 W Central Ave
Browning, MT
406.338.2030

TACO JOHNS
232 W Central Ave
Browning, MT
406.338.4831

TRES HERMANAS MEXICAN FOOD
108 1st Ave NW
Browning, MT
406.338.3111

TWO MEDICINE GRILL
314 US Highway 2
East Glacier Park, MT 59434
406.226.9227

SERRANO'S RESTAURANT
29 Dawson Avenue
East Glacier Park, MT 59434
406.226.9392

THE GREAT NORTHERN STEAK
AND RIB HOUSE
Glacier Park, Inc.
East Glacier Park, MT 59434
406.892.2525

THE JACKPOT RESTAURANT
PO Box 1450
Browning, MT 59417
406.338.2274

ART GALLERIES & GIFT SHOPS

BIG LODGE ESPRESSO
Highway 89 & 2
Browning, MT 59417
406.338.3757

BLACKFEET CREE-ATIONS
Browning, MT 59417
406.338.3234

BLACKFEET HERITAGE CENTER
AND ART GALLERY
PO Box 1450
Browning, MT 59417
406.338.2274
877.238.9946

FAUGHT'S BLACKFEET TRADING POST
Highway 2 and 89
Browning, MT 59417
406.338.2275
Fax: 406.338.7609

PIKUNI GIFT SHOP
Highway 9 & Hwy 2 JC
Browning, MT 59417
406.338.7957

CASINOS

GLACIER PEAKS CASINO
PO Box 1450
Browning, MT 59417
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877.238.9946
www.glaciercash.com

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CUT BANK CREEK OUTFITTERS
PO Box 1472
Browning, MT 59417
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Highway 49 Box 411
East Glacier Park, MT 59434
406.226.4408

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East Glacier Park, MT 59434
Phone: 406.226.9220
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Fax: 406.226.9220
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GOING-TO-THE-SUN INSTITUTE
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Browning, MT 59417
406.338.2058
Alternate Phone: 406.460.1653
http://www.curlybear.org



RECREATIONAL SITES

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK
PO Box 12
West Glacier, Montana 59936
Visitor Information: 406.888.7800
Fax: 406.888.7808

Glacier National Park contains two mountain ranges, over 130 named lakes, more than 1,000 different species of plants and hundreds of species of animals. This vast pristine ecosystem, spread across 1,584 mi² is the centerpiece of what has been referred to as the "Crown of the Continent Ecosystem", a region of protected land encompassing 16,000 mi².

BLACKFEET FISH & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT
P.O. Box 850
Browning, MT 59417
406.338.7207
Fax 406.338.4751
www.blackfeetfishandwildlife.com

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Browning, Montana 59417
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Fax: 406.338.2605

BLACKFEET NATION
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Browning, MT 59417
406.338.7521 or 406.338.7522
Fax: 406.338.7530
www.blackfeetnation.com

BROWNING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PO Box 990
124 2nd Avenue N.W.
Browning, Mont. 59417
406.338.4015

BLACKFEET COUNTRY
P.O. Box 2809
Browning, MT 59417
406-338-7406 or 406-338-7181
Fax: 406.338.7206
www.blackfeetcountry.com

POW WOW CELEBRATIONS & RODEOS

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN DAYS
PO Box 850
Browning, MT 59417

Street Address:
Agency Square
Browning, MT 59417
406.338.4388 or 406.338.7521
Fax: 406.338.7530
www.blackfeetnation.com

North American Indian Days, an annual celebration and the largest and most impressive of Blackfeet tribal events, hosts Native Americans from every region of the United States and Canada. Featured events include traditional drumming and dancing contests, the crowning of Miss Blackfeet, a parade and fun run and more.

THE HEART BUTTE CELEBRATION
PO Box 850
Browning, MT 59417

Street Address:
Blackfeet Indian Reservation
Browning, MT 59417
406.338.7521 or 406.338.2277
Fax: 406.338.7522
www.blackfeetnation.com
Email: bhep@3rivers.net

This annual four day celebration takes place the second week in August and is 26 miles south of Browning in the community of Heart Butte, which is located on the Blackfeet Reservation. Heart Butte is one of the oldest traditional communities of the Blackfeet Reservation. More than 60 houses are clustered around the old subagency, established about 1915. Many residents remain on the original allotments of their ancestors in the surrounding area. The community is justly proud of its new school, built partially underground and located south of the town. Towering above, to the west, is the mountain known to the Blackfeet as Moskitpahpi-istuki, Heart Butte.

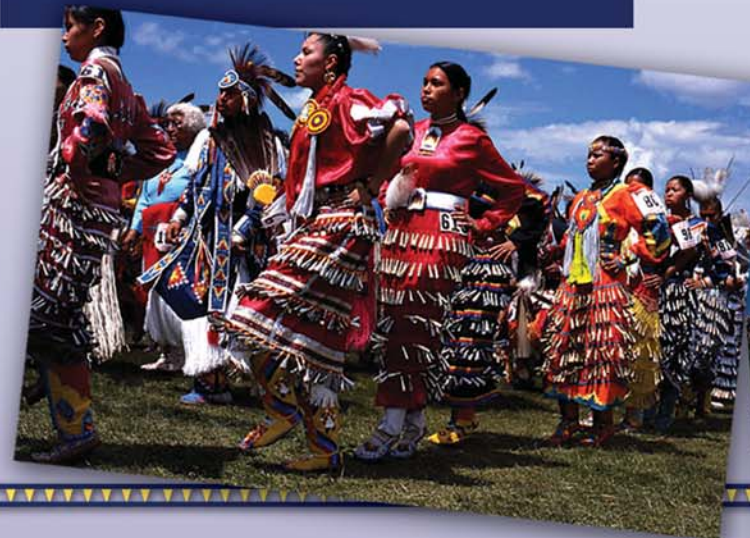
ROUGH RIDER SOCIETY POW WOW
www.blackfeetcountry.com

Held during Christmas Holiday

SLICKFOOT SOCIETY CELEBRATION
www.blackfeetcountry.com

Held New Year's Eve

Did You Know?
The Blackfeet People were
once referred to as the
"Lords of the Plains".



WELCOME TO

Chippewa-Cree Country



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Rocky Boy's provides a home for about 2,500 members of the Chippewa-Cree tribe. The name "Rocky Boy" was derived from the name of a leader of a band of Chippewa Indians. It actually meant "Stone Child," but it was not translated correctly from Chippewa into English, and "Rocky Boy" evolved. Rocky Boy's Reservation is near the Canadian border, in Northcentral Montana. It is graced by the Bears Paw Mountains, which provide a dramatic contrast to the flat bottomlands of this area.

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Did You Know?

The Rocky Boy Reservation was established through the persistent efforts of both Chief Rocky Boy (Chippewa) and Chief Little Bear (Cree).

WHERE TO EAT

CHIPPEWA CREE 4-C'S CAFE
Rr 1 Box 544
Box Elder, MT
406.395.4022

JITTERBUGS RESTAURANT
105 Highway 87 SE
Box Elder, MT
406.352.5002

CASINOS

NORTHERN WINZ CASINO
11031 US Highway 87
Box Elder, MT 59521
406.395.5420
Toll Free: 877.910.9469
Fax: 406.395.5430
www.northernwinz.com

RECREATIONAL SITES

CHIPPEWA-CREE RECREATION AREA
BEARS PAW MOUNTAINS
406.395.4207

Many outdoor recreation opportunities are available, including Bear Paw Ski Bowl, a tribally owned, fully operational ski area. The Chippewa-Cree Recreation Area is located 29 miles south of Havre in the Bears Paw Mountains.

CONTACT INFORMATION

CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE
RR1 Box 544
Box Elder, MT 59521
406.395.5705
Fax: 406.395.5702

CHIPPEWA-CREE TRIBAL COUNCIL
RR1 Box 542
Box Elder, MT 59521
406.395.4282
Fax: 406.395.4497
www.rockyboy.org

POW WOW CELEBRATIONS & RODEOS

ROCKY BOY'S ANNUAL POW WOW
RR1 Box 544
Box Elder, MT 59521
406.395.4478
Toll Free: 800.823.4478
Fax: 406.395.4497
www.rockyboy.org

The Pow Wow is an event of Indian Heritage and tradition. Dance, costume and drumming competitions are the featured events. Competitions last throughout the weekend with all ages participating. Exciting, excellent cultural demonstrations as well as ethnic and traditional food offered daily. Come on out to Rocky Boy for a true Native American tradition.

EUGENE J LAMERE SR. MEMORIAL RODEO
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Fax: 406.395.4497
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World's Richest Non-Sanctioned All Indian Rodeo.



WELCOME TO

Salish & Kootenai Country

Xest sxlxalt (Salish)

Ki'suk kuykyit (Kootenai)

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are comprised of the Bitterroot Salish, the Pend d'Oreille and the Kootenai tribes. The Flathead Reservation of 1.317 million acres in Northwest Montana is our home now but our ancestors lived in the territory now known as western Montana, parts of Idaho, British Columbia and Wyoming. This aboriginal territory exceeded 20 million acres at the time of the 1855 Hellgate Treaty. The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes offer much in the world of tourism.



Did You Know?
That Flathead Lake is the
largest freshwater lake in
the West?

LODGING

BEST WESTERN KWATAQNUK RESORT
50149 Hwy 93
Polson, MT 59860
406.883.3120

NINEPIPES LODGE
69286 Highway 93 S
Charlo, MT 59824
406.644.2588

STARLIGHT MOTEL
18 Main St. SW
Ronan, MT 59864
406.676.7000

LODGE POLE MOTEL
1 Museum Lane
St. Ignatius, MT 59865
406.745.3900 ext.100

SUNSET MOTEL
PO Box 566
333 Mountain View
St. Ignatius, MT 59865
406.745.3900

WHERE TO EAT

JOCKO'S RESTAURANT
Best Western KwataqnuK Resort & Casino
49708 US Highway 93 East
Polson, Montana 59860
406.883.3636

MISSION MOUNTAIN RESTAURANT
46664 GOLF COURSE WAY
Ronan, MT
406.676.7400

ART GALLERIES & GIFT SHOPS

FLATHEAD INDIAN MUSEUM & TRADING POST
1 Museum Lane
St Ignatius, MT 59865
406.745.2951
Fax: 406.745.2961

NINEPIPES MUSEUM OF EARLY MONTANA
69316 US Highway 93
Charlo, MT 59824
406.644.3435
Fax: 406.644.2928
www.ninepipes.org

POLSON-FLATHEAD HISTORICAL MUSEUM
708 Main Street
Polson, MT 59860
406.883.3049 or 406.883.2386

THE PEOPLE'S CENTER
53253 US Highway 93
Pablo, MT 59855
406.675.0160 or 406.883.5344
Toll Free: 800.883.5344
Fax: 406.675.0260
www.peoplescenter.org

CASINOS

GRAY WOLF PEAK CASINO
20750 US Highway 93 North
Missoula, MT 59808
406.726.3778
406.726.3138
www.graywolfpeak.com

KwataqnuK Resort Casino
49708 US Highway 93 East
Polson, Montana 59860
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GUIDED TOURS

FLATHEAD RAFT COMPANY
Whitewater rafting, charter fishing, Native American Interpretive Trips
P.O. Box 1596
Polson MT, 59860
406.883.5838 or 800.654.4359
Email: frc@flatheadraftco.com

RECREATIONAL SITES

FLATHEAD LAKE STATE PARK
406.752.5501

Flathead is the largest freshwater lake in the West. Points of interest on the lake include Wild Horse Island and five other scenic state units on the reservation: Finley Point, Yellow Bay, Big Arm, Wayfarers and West Shore. Except for Wild Horse Island, all units offer camping, fishing, boating and swimming.

THE NATIONAL BISON RANGE
132 Bison Range Road
Moiese, MT 59824
406.644.2211
Fax: 406.644.2661
www.bisonrange.fws.gov

Reservation Recreation permits available at various stores including Wal-Mart, Polson, ACE Hardware, Polson, and Ronan Sports and Western in Ronan. For permit information, call Natural Resource Department, wildlife recreation division 406-675-2700.

NINEPIPE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
132 Bison Range Road
Moiese, MT 59824
406.644.2211
www. mountainprairie.fws.gov/ refuges/ninepipe/ninepipe.htm

This area is one of Montana's designated Wildlife Viewing sites. It is an exceptional wetland complex, prime for bird watching.

CONTACT INFORMATION

CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES
51383 Highway 93 North
PO Box 278
Pablo, Montana 59855
406.675.2700
Toll Free: 888.835.8766
Fax: 406.675.2806

THE PEOPLE'S CENTER
PO Box 278
Pablo, Montana 59855
53253 Highway 93
West Pablo, Montana 59855
406.883.5344
Fax: 406.675.0260
www.cskt.org/index.htm
www.peoplescenter.net



POW WOW CELEBRATIONS & RODEOS

ANNUAL ARLEE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION ARLEE,
MT

Arlee Celebration Committee
P.O. Box 163
Arlee MT 59821

Held the 4th of July weekend each year, this Celebration has been held continuously for over a century. Encampment, competition dancing, drumming and singing, traditional stickgames and card games, food concessions, and arts and crafts vendors are part of the event.

ARLEE PRCA RODEO
May 25 & 26, 2008

POLSON PRCA RODEO
June 27, Friday → June 28, Saturday
Mission Mountain PRCA Rodeo
Polson, Montana
Tickets: 406.261.8731
Questions, call Shannon West at 406.824.2175
or Jennifer Schall at 406.726.3043

STANDING ARROW POW WOW
PO Box 155 Elmo, MT 59915
406.849.5541
Fax: 406.849.5888

3rd weekend in July each year.

This is an Indian social gathering featuring drumming, dancing, and traditional dress and food. Visitors are welcome and asked to respect the dance area, which is sacred.

Join us at one of the Indian country's most publicized events, Pow Wows. Learn the how's and why's of Pow Wow dancing. Know the difference between a grass dancer and a jungle dress dancer. Watch the veteran's honoring ceremony, tiny tots dancing, and enjoy 'Indian' humor. Meander through vendor's wares from the heart of Indian country. This is the Kootenai Tribe's celebration which the People's Center staff and other tribal members share Salish, Kootenai, and Pend d'Oreille crafts, history, demonstrations, and exhibits during these two days. Enjoy drumming, singing, and native dancing. Taste traditional fry bread and dry meat. Participate in hands-on beading, native games, and clay sculpting.



WELCOME TO Crow Country



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About 75 percent of the Crow tribe's approximately 12,000 or more enrolled members live on or near the reservation. Eighty-five percent speak Crow as their first language. This tribe was called "Apsaalooke," which means "children of the large-beaked bird." White men later misinterpreted the word as "crow." Chief Plenty Coups was the last chief to gain that status in the traditional Crow manner. He lived until 1932, leaving his land and home as a park for all people.

The Crow Reservation is in Southcentral Montana, bordered by Wyoming on the south, with its Northwestern boundary about 10 miles from Billings.

For many years the vast coal deposits under the eastern portion of the reservation remained untapped. One mine is now in operation and providing royalty income and employment to tribal members. The Crow operate only a small portion of their irrigated or dry farm acreage and about 30 percent of their grazing land. They maintain a buffalo herd of 300 head.

Did You Know?

During Crow Fair, over 12,000 Crow people live in the encampment of more than 2,000 teepees and 1,200 tents.



LODGING

LITTLE HORN CAMP
 Exit 510 on I-90
 Crow Agency, MT 59022
 406.638.2232

BIG HORN RIVER COUNTRY LODGE
 P.O. Box 7744
 Ft. Smith, MT 39035
 406.666.2331

BIG HORN RIVER LODGE
 Fort Smith, MT
 406.666.2368

BIG HORN RIVER RESORT
 P.O. Box 7595
 Ft. Smith, MT 59035
 406.666.9199

7TH RANCH RV CAMP & HISTORIC TOURS
 PO Box 117
 Garryowen, MT 59031
 Reservations: 1.800-371.7963
 406.638.2438

DIAMOND HANGING SEVEN RANCH
 PO Box 144
 Pryor MT, 59066
 406.860.4500

WHERE TO EAT

KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN
 Highway 212 & Junction I-90
 Crow Agency, MT
 406.638.2427

SUBWAY
 PO Box 200
 Garry Owen, MT
 406.638.2001

CUSTER BATTLEFIELD TRADING POST CAFÉ
 Highway 212 & Junction I-90
 Crow Agency, MT
 406.638.2270

SHAKE & BURGER HUT
 Main St
 Crow Agency, MT 59022
 406.638.2921

WELL KNOWN BUFFALO
 916 E. Frontage Rd
 Garryowen, MT
 406.638.2821

LITTLE BIG HORN CASINO CAFÉ
 Exit 510 on I-90
 Crow Agency, MT
 406.638.4000

BELLROCK CAFE
 Crow Agency, MT
 406.545.8902

ART GALLERIES & GIFT SHOPS

RIVER CROW TRADING POST
 Junction 212 & I-90
 406.638.3139
 Owners: Jill & Theo Hugs

WHITE SWAN HERITAGE PARK & GIFT SHOP
 Crow Agency, MT
 406.638.7272

MEDICINE TAIL COULEE
 Guide Service
 Crow Agency, MT
 406.620.2207
 Owner: Barry Real Bird

CUSTER BATTLE FIELD TRADING POST
 High way 212 & Junction I-90
 Crow Agency, MT
 406.638.2270

CUSTER BATTLE FIELD MUSEUM
 I-90 Exit-514
 Town Hall, P.O. Box 200
 Garryowen, MT 59031
 406.638.1876

LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLE FIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT
 PO Box 39
 Crow Agency, MT 59022
 406.638.3204

RECREATIONAL SITES

CHIEF PLENTY COUPS STATE PARK & MUSEUM,
 PRYOR, MT
 406.252.1289
 www.plentycoups.org
 Email: plentycoups@plentycoups.org

YELLOWTAIL DAM
 406.666.2412

A seventy-one-mile-long lake fills the once untamed Bighorn Canyon.The National Park Service manages the park lands with input form the Crow Tribe.

OK-A-BEH MARINA, FORT SMITH, MT
 406.666.2349

Recreation: Boating & Fishing

BIG HORN RIVER
 As water pours out of Bighorn Lake at the Dam, the Bighorn River picks up again and flows north for forty-eight miles through the Crow Reservation on its way to the Yellowstone River. The cold, nutrient rich waters of the first twelve miles beyond Yellowtail Dam are considered one of the nation’s great trout fisheries. Blue Ribbon Fishing: On the Big Horn River

TOURS

APSAALOOKE TOURS-LITTLE BIG HORN COLLEGE EXTENSION SERVICE
 1 Forest Lane P.O. Box 370
 Crow Agency, MT 59022
 406.638.3114

Five tours daily given by Native guides
 Schedule: 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m.
 Runs Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day Weekend

CONTACT INFORMATION

CROW TRIBAL COUNCIL
 Crow Agency, MT 59022
 406.638.3700
 Fax: 406.638.3881
 www.crownations.net

APSAALOOKE VISITOR’S CENTER/
 CROW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 406.638.7272
 866.670.8242
 Fax: 406.638.4444
 www.lbhc.edu



POW WOW CELEBRATIONS & RODEOS

VALLEY OF THE CHIEFS POW WOW AND RODEO
PO Box 355
Lodge Grass, MT 59050
406.638.2073
Alternate Phone: 406.638.3525
Fax: 406.638.2668

Valley of The Chiefs Pow Wow and Rodeo includes:
rodeo, parade, Indian dancing, authentic costumes,
teepee camping, and parade dance through the village
(breaking camp) on the last day.

CROW FAIR AND RODEO
Crow Tribal Office
Lodge Grass, MT 59050
August 14-17
406.638.3700
Alternate Phone: 406.638.3778
Fax: 406.638.3880

From every western state and Canada, Indians come
to camp along the Little Bighorn River to form the
Teepee Capital of the World. There are spectacular
parades each morning featuring authentic costumes,
an all-Indian rodeo with cowboys from throughout the
nation, pari-mutuel wagering, wild horse races and
Indian dancing.

ANNUAL CROW NATIVE DAYS WITH ULTIMATE
WARRIOR CHALLENGE
June 26-28

JR. ARROW TOURNAMENT
June 14-15
406.638.3836

SR. ARROW TOURNAMENT
June 20-21
406.638.3836

CUSTER'S LAST STAND RE-ENACTMENT
Real Bird Camp
June 26-28
406.638.2808

VALLEY OF THE CHIEFS POW-WOW
Lodge Grass, MT
June 30-July 7

ARROW TOURNAMENT
Lodge Grass, MT
September 1 Labor Day
406.638.4030

CHIEF PLENTY COUPS DAY OF HONOR
Pryor, MT
September 1 Labor Day
406.252.1289



WELCOME TO

Ft. Belknap-Gros Ventre & Assiniboine Country



Nakoda

Fort Belknap Indian Reservation is homeland to the Gros Ventre and the Assiniboine Tribes. Fort Belknap Indian Reservation is located forty miles south of the Canadian border and twenty miles north of the Missouri River, which is the route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Fort Belknap Indian Reservation is the forth largest Indian reservation in Montana.

Fort Belknap Indian Reservation was created by an Act of Congress on May 1, 1888 and the Fort Belknap Agency was established at its present location, four miles southeast of the present township of Harlem, Montana. The Fort Belknap Indian Reservation encompasses an area consisting of 675,147 acres, which extends approximately 28 miles east and west and 35 miles north and south. The land is mostly rolling plains.

In 1921 5.39.161.81 acres of land was allotted to the 1181 members of the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine tribes. Traditionally known by their native name of A'aninin, which means "The White Clay Poeples," the largest residential tribe is now called "Gros Ventre."

Did You Know?
Assiniboine call themselves
"Nakoda", meaning
"The Generous Ones."



ART GALLERIES & GIFT SHOPS

FORT BELKNAP VENTURES, INC.
Fort Belknap Indian Community Enterprise
Harlem, MT 59526
406.353.2205

CASINOS

FORT BELKNAP CASINO
Route 1
Fort Belknap, Montana 59526
406-353-2205

GUIDED TOURS

FORT BELKNAP TOURISM OFFICE
Route 1 Box 66
Harlem, MT 59526
406.353.2205 ext 372
406.353.8380
Fax: 406.353.4541
www.fortbelknapnations-nsn.gov

SAINT PAUL'S MISSION CHURCH
Hays, MT
406.673.3300
Established in 1887 by the Bureau of Catholic Missions,
St. Paul's Mission Church now serves as a kindergarten
through eighth grade school.

RECREATIONAL SITE

MISSION CANYON/NATURAL BRIDGE
South of Hays
Popular attractions in this scenic area include the
Natural Bridge, Wilson Park, Devil's Kitchen, and
Needle Eye and Kid Curry's Hideout. Picnicking and
camping available.

EAGLE CHILD CREEK
406.353.2205 ext 372
This is revered as the most sacred mountian to the
Gros Ventre people.

SNAKE BUTTE, SPRINGS AND BUFFALOS PASTURE
406.353.2205 ext 372

THREE BUTTES
406.353.2205 ext 372

WILD HORSE BUTTE AND SPRING
406.353.2205 ext 372

BIG WARM SPRING CREEK
406.353.2205 ext 372

MISSION PEAK
406.353.2205 ext 372

LITTLE ROCKY MOUNTAINS
406.353.2205 ext 372

CHIEF JOSEPH TRAIL
406.353.2205 ext 372

RED WHIP BATTLE FIELD
406.353.2205 ext 372

CONTACT INFORMATION

FORT BELKNAP TOURISM OFFICE
R.R. 1, Box 66
Fort Belknap Agency Harlem, MT 59526
406.353.8473
Fax: 406.353.2797
Fort Belknap Indian Community Council:
www.ftbelknap-nsn.gov

POW WOW CELEBRATIONS & RODEOS

MILK RIVER INDIAN DAYS
Rural Route 1 Box 66
Harlem, MT 59526
406.353.2205 ext 532
Alternate Phone: 406.353.4145
Fax: 406.353.2691

Milk River Indian Days highlights spirited and
colorfully clad dancers. The Pow Wow features Native
American dancers and drummers combining culture,
dance, and music for a spectacular display.

HAYS POW WOW
PO Box 341
Hays, MT 59527
406.353.2205 ext 367
Alternate Phone: 406.673.3416

The Hays Pow Wow is one of the area's finest outdoor
celebrations and features a whole weekend full of
dancing and singing by natives from throughout the
United States and Canada. Many dancing contests
for all ages (from tiny tots to Golden Age!) Hand
drum singing contests also!

We invite everybody to come to our pow-wow and
enjoy the finest dancing and singing from Indian
Country! NO ADMISSION - it's free! Come to Hays
and attend our annual celebration located in the
Little Rocky Mountains in North Central Montana!



WELCOME TO

Ft. Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Country



Nakoda

About 6,800 Assiniboine and Sioux live on the Fort Peck Reservation, with another approximately 3,900 tribal members living off the reservation.

The Fort Peck Reservation is in northeastern Montana, 40 miles west of the North Dakota border and 50 miles south of the Canadian border, with the Missouri River defining its southern perimeter. It includes more than two million acres of land.

A prosperous industrial park in Poplar is one of the largest employers in Montana. A variety of enterprises, including metal fabrication and production sewing, are housed here. Other industries, including an electronics manufacturer, flourish on the reservation. Farming, ranching and oil extraction also play a part in the reservation economy.

Did You Know?

Fort Peck Reservation is home to two separate Indian nations, each composed of numerous bands and divisions.

LODGING

THE BIG SKY MOTEL
US Highway 2 East
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406.653.2300

THE HOMESTEAD INN
101 US Highway 2 East
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406.653.1300

THE SHERMAN INN
200 East Main Street
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406.653.1100

SMITH'S MOBILE PARK
PO Box 729
Poplar, MT 59255
406.768.3841

RANCHO MOTEL & CAMPGROUND
US Highway 2 West
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406.653.1940

THE MEADOWLARK
872 Nickwall Road
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406.525.3289

WHERE TO EAT

THE BUCKHORN
203 2nd Avenue West
Poplar, MT 59255
406.768.5221

FROSTEEES
214 Highway 2 West
Poplar, MT 59255
406.768.3000

CATTLEMAN'S CUT
Highway 2 East
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406.525.3224

M/DS
530 Highway 2
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406.653.2401

MCDONALD'S
303 Highway 2 East
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406.653.1788

OLD TOWN GRILL
400 US Highway 2
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406.653.1031

CONTACT INFORMATION

FORT PECK TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BOARD
P.O. Box 1027
Poplar, MT 59255
406.768.5155
Fax: 406.768.5478
www.fortpecktribes.org

POW WOW CELEBRATIONS & RODEOS

BADLANDS CELEBRATION
Fort Peck Tribal Office
Poplar, MT 59255
406.768.3960

Badlands Celebration is a Pow Wow which is a celebration of native culture and traditions through dancing, food crafts, and fellowship with one another. All members of the General Public are welcome to participate or spectate.

RED BOTTOM CELEBRATION
PO Box 453
Frazer, MT 59225
406.768.5155 ext 338 or 406.653.2280
Fax: 406.768.3710

Red Bottom Celebration has been an annual pow wow for over 100 years, celebrating native culture and traditions through dancing, food, crafts and fellowship with one another. All members of the general public are welcome to participate or watch.

FORT KIPP CELEBRATION
Fort Peck Tribal Council
Brockton, MT 59213
406.786.3431 or 406.786.3303

Fort Kipp Celebration is a Pow Wow which is a celebration of native culture and traditions through dancing, food, crafts, and fellowship with one another. All members of the General Public are welcome to participate or spectate.

WAHCINCA DAKOTA OYATE CELEBRATION
Fort Peck Tribal Council
Poplar, MT 59255
406.768.5186 or 406.768.5155 ext 347

The Wahcinca Dakota Oyate Celebration is a pow wow which is a celebration of native culture and traditions through dancing, food, crafts and fellowship with one another. All members of the general public are welcome to participate or spectate. \$125/day for food stands, \$75/day for craft stands. Visitors and tourists are welcome. Camping day is Wednesday.

WADOPANA CELEBRATION
PO Box 573
Poplar, MT 59255
406.650.8724 or 406.768.7463

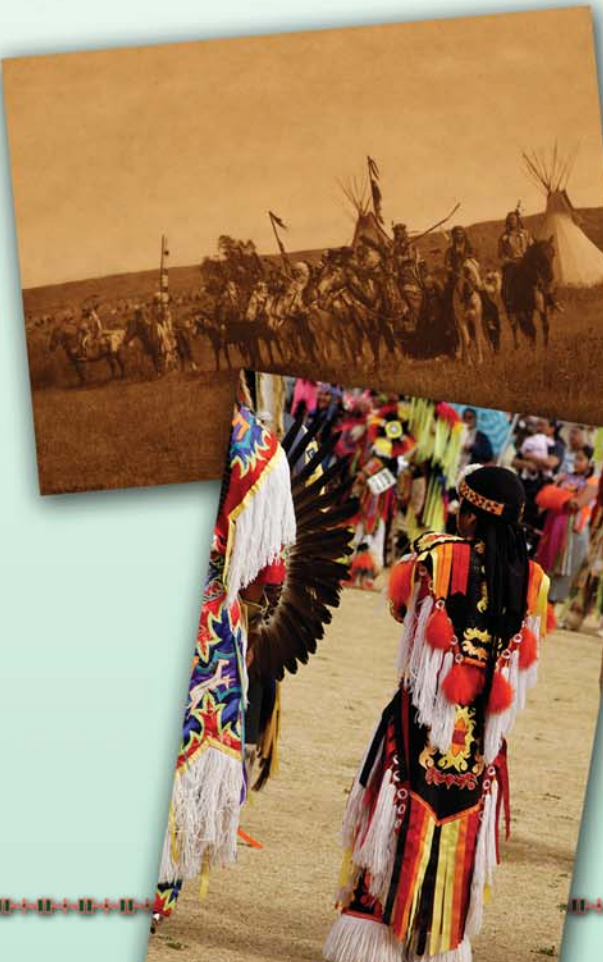
This celebration is the oldest traditional pow wow in Montana. The celebration is always the first weekend of August. The dancers participate for cash or prizes. It is a great weekend of fun and visiting among the elders and younger generations. They have special ceremonies for naming of individuals and honoring of family members. Also Saturday is for the young people (Games,run/walks, a lot of outdoor activities). Thursday is camping day and the annual community feed. The celebration is open to everyone. If any further questions please call.

POPLAR INDIAN DAYS
409 10th Avenue East
Poplar, MT 59255
406.768.7623

Poplar Indian Days is a Pow Wow, which is a celebration of native culture and traditions through dancing, food, crafts, and fellowship with one another. All members of the General Public are welcome to participate or spectate.

Poplar Indian Days will always be held during Labor Day weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and we encourage all visitors to come join us.

Milk River Indian Days highlights spirited and colorfully clad dancers. The Pow Wow features Native American dancers and drummers combining culture, dance, and music for a spectacular display.



WELCOME TO

Northern Cheyenne Country



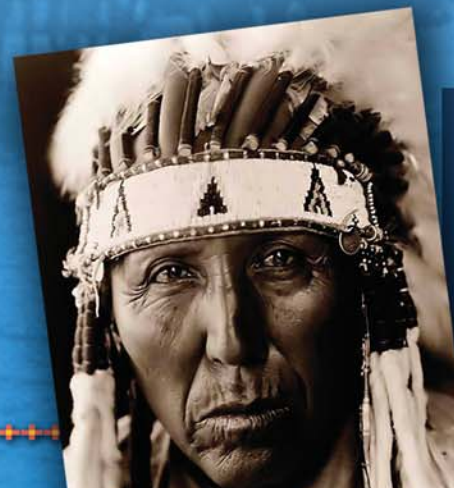
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Approximately 5,000 Northern Cheyenne, along with members of other tribes and with non-Native Americans live on the reservation. There are approximately 9,194 enrolled tribal members. Lame Deer is the tribal and government agency headquarters. There are four other districts that comprise the whole reservation. The rugged country of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation is in southeastern Montana. It covers 445,000 acres and is bounded on the east by the Tongue River and on the west by the Crow Reservation.

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Did You Know?

The Northern Cheyenne are known in Cheyenne as Notameohmésêhese meaning, "Northern Eaters".

LODGING

WESTERN 8 MOTEL
US Highway 212 West
Ashland, MT 59003
406.784.2400

SUN BEAR RV PARK
PO Box 991
Lame Deer, MT 59043
406.477.8844

ART GALLERIES AND GIFT SHOPS

NORTHERN CHEYENNE CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE
Lame Deer, MT 59043
406.477.8844

ST. LABRE MISSION/CHEYENNE
INDIAN MUSEUM
Tongue River Road
Ashland, MT 59003
406.784.4516
Alternate Phone: 406.784.4535
<http://www.stlabre.org>

CHIEF DULL KNIFE COLLEGE
1 College Drive
Lame Deer, MT 59043
406.477.6215

CASINO

CHARGING HORSE CASINO & BINGO
1/2 Mile East On US Hwy 212
Lame Deer, MT 59043
406.477.6677

GUIDED TOURS

CHEYENNE TRAILRIDERS
Northern Cheyenne Reservation
Busby, MT 59016
406.592.3520 or 406.749.0193
Email: cheyride@rangeweb.net

CONTACT INFORMATION

NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION
P.O. Box 128
Lame Deer, MT 59043
406.477.6284
www.cheyennenation.com

POW WOW CELEBRATIONS & RODEOS

4TH OF JULY POW WOW
Northern Cheyenne Tribal Office
Lame Deer, MT 59043
406.477.6284 or 406-477-6284

The premier event of the Northern Cheyenne is the annual Fourth of July Celebration, the largest pow wow held on the reservation. Activities to observe and participate in include fun runs and health walks.

The Princess Contest (all princesses welcomed), Indian dancing contests in all categories, parades, and Grand Entries welcome visitors to a brilliant display of color and traditions. Gourd dancing is held daily. Traditional feasts of Native foods are always part of the festivities, and all drum groups, dancers, singers and vendors are encouraged to attend.

Campsites at the Kenneth Beartusk Pow wow Grounds, 3 miles south of Lame Deer are available and photography is welcomed.

ASHLAND LABOR DAY POWWOW
PO Box 364
Ashland, MT 59003
406.784.2883 or 406-784-2294

The arbor on U.S. Highway 212 between Ashland and the St. Labre Mission comes alive during the Labor Day weekend. Drummers and dancers from many tribes participate. Booths are set up for food vendors and Native American art and beadwork. Giveaways, gourd dancing and hand games are part of the festivities. An excellent opportunity to learn about Native American culture.

Pow wow location is off Highway 212 about 1/2 mile cross a bridge and to the right - can't miss it.



WELCOME TO

Little Shell Country



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In the treaty that became known as the “Ten Cent Treaty,” the federal government offered approximately one million dollars for ten million acres of land that had been “reserved” for the Chippewa people. That’s ten cents an acre. This is the treaty Chief Little Shell refused to sign. Subsequent treaties greatly reduced the size of the Turtle Mountain Reservation, until, in 1892, Chief Little Shell III refused to sign an agreement to give up any more Chippewa land.

So after refusing to sign the agreement, Chief Little Shell and his people went to Montana to hunt buffalo so they would have food. While they were gone, the membership rolls for Turtle Mountain were established, excluding Chief Little Shell, his Grand Council of twenty-four hereditary leaders, and all of their Chippewa and Metis followers. Chief Little Shell protested this decision, but they could not become part of the Turtle Mountain Reservation. Other leaders had signed the treaty, which became known as the “Ten Cent Treaty,” and that reservation was reduced to less than ten percent of its original size. This group of Chippewa and Metis, these people now without a home, became known as the Little Shell Chippewa. They moved from Chief Little Shell reservation to reservation, and the U.S. Government tried to deport them to Canada. Eventually, groups of Little Shell established small communities along the Hi-Line and the Front Range of the Rockies in Montana. Some founded the community of Spring Creek, which later became Lewistown. Others lived in “shanty towns”—in shacks and tents made from whatever materials they could find—outside Montana cities, especially Great Falls, Helena, Butte and Havre.

Today, the Little Shell tribal office is located in Great Falls, and Little Shell people live in many different places around the state. They have been working to gain “federal recognition” for decades. After thousands of hours of work by the tribal government and volunteers, in 2000, the tribe received federal “preliminary recognition.”

WHERE TO EAT

LIPI'S KITCHEN
705 Central Avenue West
Great Falls, MT
406.761.4546

ART GALLERIES & GIFT SHOPS

JAY CONTWAY, SCUPTOR
Foundray
434 McIver Road
Great Falls, MT 59404
406.452.7646

CONTACT INFORMATION

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INDIANS OF MONTANA
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Great Falls, MT 59404
406.452.2892
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Email: lstgtfalls@bresnan.net
www.littleshelltribe.com

POW WOW CELEBRATIONS & RODEOS

LITTLE SHELL POW-WOW AND METIS CELEBRATION
Central Montana Fairgrounds
Lewistown, Montana
Little Shell Chippewa
Tribal Office
Great Falls, MT
406.452.2892

Labor Day Weekend each year. The public is welcome to join the fun and witness the unique blending of the two cultures of the Little Shell Chippewa Tribe. The traditional Plains Ojibwa (Chippewa) culture with tipi's, pow wow dances, regalia, give-aways and Tribal Princess contest. The colorful Metis (mixed-blood) music with guitars and fiddles (violins) and of course, you have to eat the "Bannock and Bullets". A parade in downtown Lewistown is part of the excitement and fun.

Did You Know?
That Ojibwe and Chippewa
are not only the same tribe,
but the same word pronounced
a little differently due to accent.

